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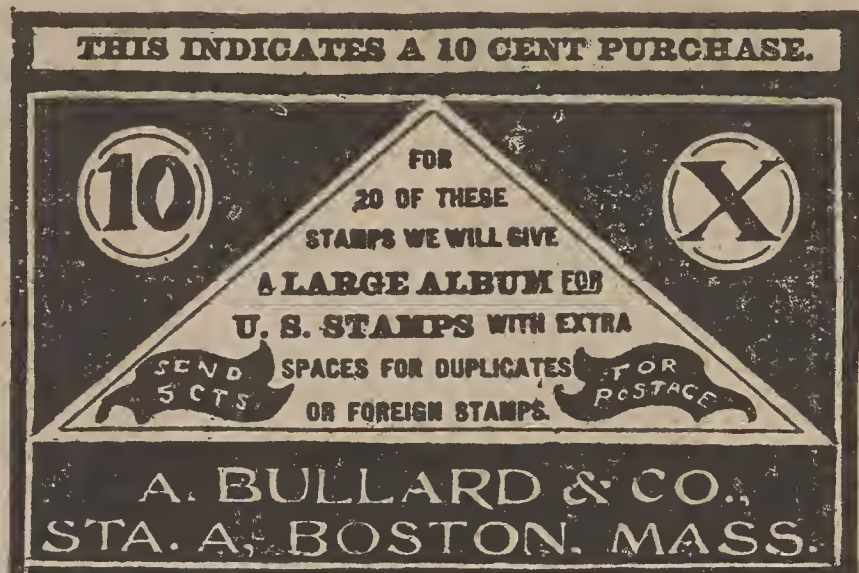
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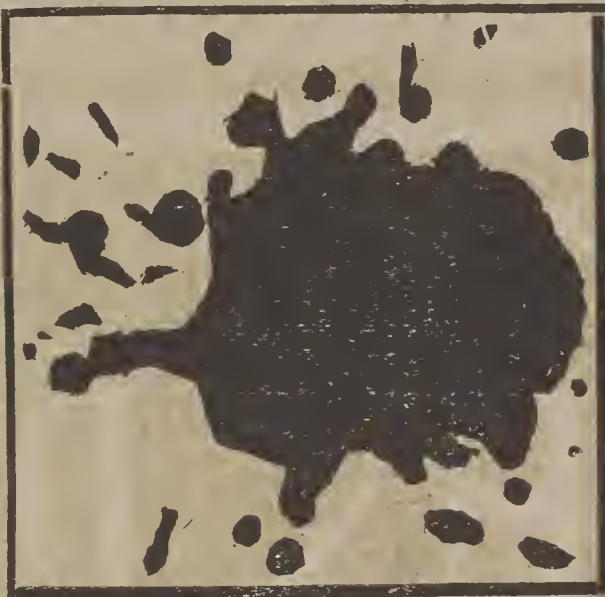


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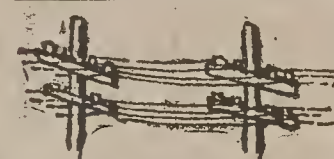
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"SHALL I go with them, or shall I make a bolt of it right away from the country? Mother would fret awhile to miss me, but she would think it better than my joining what they call 'the poaching set;' though, to my mind, there's no such great harm in snaring a few birds that have perhaps got their living on your very own bit of land."

These were Jim Wraxall's thoughts as he sat gloomily on a stile one autumn evening. He had got into bad ways of late, there was no doubt, and now he was on the point of doing still worse, and openly joining a band of wild young fellows who, though undetected, were known to make poaching raids on the preserves of Squire Weatherley.

By persuasion and scoffs they had got Jim to promise that he would go out with them that very night, and here he was wandering about, very unsettled in his mind, and half inclined to take desperate measures to get free from comrades who he knew would bring him to ruin.

For Jim had good parents, and had received a careful training; and such lads, if they will go to the bad, do so with their eyes open, and are punished by many a stab from that rough friend Conscience.

"The parson talks of our being guided to do right, and warned against doing wrong," pursued Jim, going on with his uncomfortable thoughts; "but it seems to me if God was asleep now, as far as people in the world go (I don't mean no harm, nothing wicked by it)," apologised Jim to himself; "but if only messengers could come straight and tell us, 'You're not to do that,' or 'He wants you to do this,' like they did in the Bible long ago, we should be all right and no mistake."

I'd like a messenger to-night, to tell me what I'd best do."

You see Jim was not altogether hardened yet, but weak, and dared not break with his bad friends as he should have done, and he could only think of one other choice—running away from home, and perhaps 'listing as a soldier, which would be a great grief to his family, one of the most respected in Lowerdale.

In the midst of his musing a hasty step on the field-path roused him—a little hurried tread, accompanied at times by a half sob. Before Jim could move, a girl ran up to him;

in the dusk he saw it was the child of a small tenant-farmer who lived on the hill above Lowerdale.

"Sissy!" he exclaimed in surprise, for it was ten o'clock at night, though a half-hidden moon made it seem much earlier.

"O Jim, Jim," broke out poor Sissy, "It's father! he's been taken a deal worse than ever, and I've been to fetch Dr. Carter, and he's away from home till to-morrow, and now I'm running to Bridgelawton to fetch the big doctor there. I daren't go back without some one, mother does cry so."

"But, Sissy, you can't go to Bridgelawton, five miles by the highroad, at this time of night."

"Yes, I can," said Sissy, panting still: "let me go by, Jim; mother thinks he's taken for death this time."

Sissy's father, Thomas Birt, had had a bad fall from a haystack in the summer, and had since been subject to terrible fits, one of which would carry him off, the doctors said: it took all a man's strength to prevent him hurting himself during the attacks, and so it was that Mrs. Birt had to keep their one farm-laborer to attend on his poor master, leaving only little Sissy to send for the doctor.

Jim was very sorry for the little sobbing, frightened thing; he caught her pinafore as she tried to pass by, and stroked her hair, and spoke out on the impulse of the moment,—

"Don't cry, Sissy: I'll go and fetch Dr. Nash. I can run quicker than you. You just go home and say as how Jim will bring the doctor."

And Jim was as good as his word: he forgot all about his engagement for midnight at Dead Thorn Corner, and set off at a steady





trot across the fields towards Bridgelawton. Midnight found him side by side with the doctor, driving in his gig to the Birt's lonely homestead.

Poor Birt was more like a raging lunatic than a sick man, and there was work for all of them in the house that night. Jim coaxed poor Mrs. Birt away from the sick-room, by begging her to put little shivering Sissy to bed, for the child was still cowering in her father's room, half stupefied with terror. And then the doctor ordered her to make coffee for the watchers, and that kept her down stairs awhile out of sight of the agony which she couldn't soothe.

Strong medicines presently quieted the poor farmer, but the doctor told Jim there was little chance of his waking, and if he did it might only be to linger a few days a hopeless madman. Very sad news, for poor Birt had been a good husband and a kind father.

At daybreak the doctor was obliged to leave, and the farm laborer being asleep in the kitchen, he gave all his directions to Jim, thinking him a relation. "Don't disturb the woman and child," he said: "Birt will lie in this state perhaps for hours, but if he chance to wake up suddenly and seem clear in his mind, he will not be far from death then, and you had better rouse the wife. Do you understand?"

Jim said "Yes," wished the doctor good night, heard him promise to return in a few hours, and went back to his lonely watch.

He had never been with a dying person before, and it seemed very solemn to sit and listen to the slow breathings, wondering if each was to be the last; and if so, what came next? And some day he must lie on a death bed, too. Farmer Birt had been a religious man, and of late had made special preparations for his possible removal from the world, as Jim knew; but how would it be with one who never thought of these things?

Suppose he, Jim Wraxall, had gone out poaching that night and got shot dead! And he had nearly made up his mind to join the poachers,—only a mere chance had prevented it.

But was it a chance? or was little Sissy, with the tearful face and stumbling footstep, a real messenger from God to him to keep him from harm?

The more Jim thought of this, the more he felt that the God whom he thought to be sleeping or careless of His creatures had really stooped down from Heaven to keep him from evil. He tried to make some sort of thanks in words for this goodness, but he could say nothing but "Thank God for this!"

Then the sick man stirred, and Jim lifted him up, and noticed a look of intelligence in his glazed eyes.

"Call the missis?" questioned Jim.

The farmer nodded, "Aye, and sharp."

Mrs. Birt came in directly, and then the farmer said "Sissy?"

So Jim fetched Sissy, wrapped in a blanket and sound asleep, and laid her by her dying father. She never woke, poor tired child!

And then Thomas Birt turned feebly from wife to child, and said gently, "God bless you all and Jim," and lay quite still.

He died so quietly that sleeping Sissy never knew when the soul near her fled, and the poor wife would hardly believe Jim when he tried to lead her away.

All that long day Jim stayed at the farm, doing what he could for the bereaved family, and at Mrs. Birt's earnest request he promised not to leave her till after the funeral.

"Your name was last on his lips," said the poor woman with a sob.

Jim's mother came up, too, when she heard the news, and from her Jim heard of that other news of which all Lowerdale was talking.

The poaching set had made a night of it, and been caught by a band of the Squire's keepers; two of the lads were badly wounded, and six others were in custody.

"Mother," said Jim solemnly, "I might have been there but for a messenger from

God: it'll be a warning to me for life I hope."

And then he told the whole tale of his wavering intentions, and the turn given to his life by the appearance of little Sissy Birt.

"I shall always think God sent her straight to me," said Jim; "else why did she come through the stile meadow instead of taking the other road to Bridgelawton? She cannot say herself, poor child! And, mother, I'll do as Mrs. Birt wishes, if you and father think right: I'll work on her farm and try to keep things straight. I did once think I ought to leave Lowerdale, but since poor Will Dawes is in bed for weeks, and Lawrence and Murphy are in prison, I can't go wrong with them, and by the time, they get about again we shall all, I hope be steadier."

And so ends the story of Jim Wraxall's messenger.

## Little Travellers.

THIS is a little story for the youngest readers of the REALM.

When Ethel and Elsie, Eva's two little cousins, arrived at Aunt Maggie's, Eva herself was tucked up in bed in her own little room, and fast asleep. She had wanted very badly, indeed to stay up and see her cousins from California, but mother had said, "No, Eva, it will be late when father brings them, and they are sure to be very tired, so as soon as they have had something to eat I shall see them tucked up in bed, poor little souls. Everything will be strange and new to them, so you must try to make them very happy, Eva."

Eva was up early the next morning,



(Playing with Jumping-Jack.)

for she was very anxious to see her new cousins, and as soon as she was dressed she went to their room to pay them a visit, with one of her toys in her hand. Both the little girls were awake, and at first Eva felt just a little tiny bit shy, but she soon summoned up courage to say, "I'm Eva, and I've brought you this to play with."

Then Elsie came to the foot of the bed, and very soon all three little girls were laughing merrily at the comic antics of the "Jumping Jack," and little Ethel was saying, "Cousin Eva, mayn't I have it to play with a bit now?" and by the time Mamma came in to tell the little travelers that it was time to get dressed they were fast friends, and Elsie and Ethel had made up their minds that they were going to love Cousin Eva very much indeed, for she had promised to lend them all her toys and books, and Eva had said, "Of course, we must be friends, for don't our names all begin with the same letter?"

## New French Pistol-Saber.

The British fleet to-day consists of 489 ships, with a total displacement of 1,500,000 tons. Sixty-four battle ships

carry 50,000 officers and men and mount 2,671 guns. There are 137 cruisers, while among the smaller craft are 218 torpedo boats and destroyers and 35 larger torpedo vessels as well as 15 coast defense ships.

"Edward, I hear that you have disobeyed your grandmother, who told you not to jump down those steps." "Grandmother didn't tell me not to papa. She only came to the door and said: 'I wouldn't jump down those steps, boys,' and I shouldn't think she would, an old lady like her."

## Squaring Himself.

Snowbound Snawley (in deep disgust)—Has it come to dis that yer are 'round wid a saw on yer shoulder lookin' fer work?

Foxy Feeney (injuredly)—Yer wrong me, pard; I'm lookin' fer food, an' de saw makes folks tink I would work. Yer see, I allus avoid yards wo't hev wood piles, an' wenever I'm cornered an' offered a job I ax so much fer me services dat no one will hire me.—Judge.

## The Horse Next to Camel.

A horse will live twenty-five days without food, merely drinking water

## Chemical Prints in Darkness.

Here is a way to take a picture in the dark: Draw a picture on a piece of paper, using sulphate of quinine in making the outlines. Expose the paper to the sun for a few minutes; then place the paper face down on a piece of sensitive paper, like that used by photographers, and place the two sheets between the leaves of a book. If the sheets are removed from the book a few hours later you will find that an exact reproduction of the drawing will have been impressed on the sensitive paper. Designs of any sort can be copied in this way, or you may trace over a printed picture or design with sulphate of quinine and by the same process produce a faithful copy of the print. Try it.

## A Popular Error.

Nearly everybody entertains the opinion that a dishonest grocer has a penchant for mixing sand with his sugar for the purpose of gain. This is a popular error, for sugar is but rarely adulterated, from the fact that unless scientifically done, and then only with a certain kind of clay, the fraud would come to light without the consumer applying any test. If sand is mixed with sugar, it would be discovered by the sugar eater, for the sand would be found as a deposit at the bottom of the coffee cup, or it would betray itself by the grit in the cake.

## A Bee.

A little girl was visiting her cousins in the country for the first time, and everything was so strange to her that she could not help showing her ignorance. Her cousins seemed to be amused at her unfamiliarity with things that they knew so well, and this vexed her. The next morning, at breakfast, she saw a chance to show them that she was not so ignorant, after all. There was a dish of honey on the table, and she said, with an air of self-satisfaction:

"Ah, I see you keep a bee."



## One Ship within Another.



U R friend the Captain has the following story to tell the readers of the REALM. It was, in the year 1849 or '50 that the smallside-wheel steamboat S. B. Wheeler was built at Smith's ship yard and docks at Eastport, Me. She was a good example of the steamboats of that period; well fitted and furnished, and of about 250 tons burden.

The Wheeler made one season, with indifferent success, upon the St. Croix River (which is the eastern international boundary line between the United States and the British possessions in America), and then, the California boom being at its height, she was sent as a Yankee venture, to San Francisco, says the *Liveston Journal*.

She proved the first steamboat to ply the inland waters of California, and ran, for a long time, upon the Sacramento River, until outclassed by other steamers, when she crossed the Pacific to Honolulu.

The Wheeler was a pioneer in more than this, however. Her departure marked the first attempt of its kind in transportation annals. It was an event on the St. Croix to witness which the whole population of the river towns gathered. I am told by the Captain's wife, to whom he turns for verification and dates as he tells me the story, that at that gathering she first met the Captain. Perhaps it is this fact which has caused the gallant sailor to retain so much interest in the now out-of-date craft.

Up the river, upon the English side of the St. Croix, was built the bark Fanny. She was built for a purpose; designed and measured to receive the S. B. Wheeler in her capacious hold.

The very day that she was launched she was also sunk but by design. Indeed, the bark had no stern; the tidal river flowed in and out of the empty shell.

Alongside was brought the steamer. Her funnel and walking-beam had been removed but otherwise she was not dismantled. As the tide served just for the purpose, the Wheeler was floated, head on, to a berth within the submerged hull. It was a pretty good fit.

After fastening the steamer well within, they towed the bark around, with head up stream; the receding tide flowed out, and the Fanny and the S. B. Wheeler rested upon the river bottom, the one inside the other.

Next they fixed the stern in place with screw bolts, following the design of the builders, and with the next tide which ascended the St. Croix the bark floated—in fact, they both floated.

Next they stepped the masts and put on the rigging. Of the bark's three masts, two, the main and mizzen, passed directly through the steamer to reach the keel.

The space between the shells of the two vessels was packed with coal; provisions were taken as a cargo, and, with a passenger list of 200 goldseekers, many of whom had grand quarters in the Wheeler's cabin, the two crafts in one were towed out of the river, amid the shouts of the populace, to square away in Passamaquoddy

for the long voyage around the Horn to the Golden Gate.

That she arrived at her destination, we have ample proof; moreover the bark Fanny came back to Boston.

### An Artificial Jaw.

Probably the hardest task that a dentist ever had to do was to make an artificial jaw. But that is what a Detroit dental surgeon has succeeded in doing.

John Die, a young farmer of Royal Oak, Mich., was shot in the face with a shotgun by an angry brother-in-law.

John Die's condition was terrible and he was gradually starving to death, because he could not eat. He was taken to Detroit, to surgeons and hospitals, where his case was pronounced hopeless. No one would attempt to help him till he found Dr. Osius, a dentist.

The doctor experimented till he had found that by means of fine wires he could fasten an artificial jaw to the two back teeth.



THE ARTIFICIAL JAW.

The experiment took five weeks to complete. When finished the jaw was not a pretty object, but it was planned to do work.

### Japanese Backsliders.

Christianity is going backward in Japan instead of forward, according to Japanese newspapers. Several prominent men have turned their backs on the Christian faith after they had advanced greatly in its teachings. The most notable change is that of the Rev. Paul Kanamori. He was pastor of a Congregational Church at Tokio and President of the Doshisha University. He wrote several religious books that are still being distributed by missionaries. He has gone into business and given up the Christian pursuit entirely. He is now a director in the Tokio Stock Exchange.

The Rev. Dr. Ichihara, who four years ago was at the head of the school of laws and politics in the Doshisha University, is now noted only for his business ability. He is an officer in the Nippon Bank and has made a large amount of money since he left the church. Prof. Yujero Motora, a prominent officer in the Tokio Imperial University, has severed all connection with the Christian church. He studied in America under the auspices of the Methodist Episcopal Church and held a position in the Methodist College. He now denies both God and Christ, and is a leader in a strong faith known as the Nippon Shugi, or Japanese principles.

### HE COULDN'T HELP IT

And He Proved It to the Colonel's Satisfaction.

A corporal in one of the regiments down at Chickamauga Park had become entangled with a difficulty, and as a result of it, added to an accumulation of similar such, he was called to appear before the colonel of the regiment.

"Corporal Jenkins," said that officer,

severely, "you are a fine soldier and a sensible man, and you ought to conduct yourself differently."

"I was drunk, sir," explained the corporal, very contritely.

"That is no excuse. Don't you know it is wrong to get drunk?"

"Yes, sir," admitted the corporal, without cavil.

"Then why do you do it?"

"I can't help it, sir."

"You cannot excuse your fault that way, sir," said the colonel sternly. "You know you can if you want to."

"But I can't, sir."

"Yes, you can," insisted the colonel. "A man can help doing anything if he puts his mind to it."

The corporal stood up straight and saluted.

"Beggin' your pardon, sir," he said, "but do you think when I heard that Uncle Sam had got into a scrap with them dirty cigaroot-smokin' Spannyards and was askin' his boys to take a hand with him to lick 'em off the face of the earth that I could help dropping everything right then and there and grabbin' up a gun and takin' a hold with the old man and the other boys? Say, colonel, do you think a man about my size could help doin' just what I done and bein' right here ready when he says the word?"

The colonel was stumped for an instant. Then he got up and took the corporal's hand.

"Get out of this," he said hurriedly; "get out, and if you ever get drunk again I'll have you put in the guard house and nailed up until the war is over."

Times are so hard that the price of a compliment has been reduced from fifty cents to a quarter.

If you want to borrow money don't work your friend for a few cents; work a bank cashier for a lot.

After a woman has had experience she knows that a man is just as mean before marriage as after.

About all a girl does for her little brother is to jerk his clothes and say, "Behave yourself!"

After a woman knows a man thoroughly she is content with the compliment if he asks for a second piece of pie and doesn't praise her cooking.

The society editress of a newspaper seldom lasts more than a year; at the end of a year all the women hate her.

If there is any important news from the seat of war a man can always hear of it without neglecting his work to run to the bulletin boards. It is like losing a hat in the wind: the other fellow always chases it.

When a woman gets up to take her leave her hostess feels that she is falling short of her duty unless she spends the next fifteen minutes in sweeping away her guest's excuses for not staying longer.

Instead of teaching a little piano-playing, how to dab in paints, dancing, &c., to make a girl fitted for a wife, she should be given a drill in developing her patience. Any married woman will admit that she has more need of patience than she has of the two-step.



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### Profit and Fun.

"This is what I call fun, boys," said Frank Curtis, as he sat down with the other boys to their meal in the tent. They had been three days on the edge of the woods beside a pretty inland lake, but as their dishes had not come before, they had just to-day gotten nicely settled. "School's all right, but what a relief to be away from civilization where we don't have so many rules. We are free, free as the wind. Two weeks of fun, boys, whoop la!"

"This milk came from no iron-tailed cow, that's sure. O, it's good!" exclaimed one of the hungriest, if one boy at camp would be hungrier than another. "Of course, you got it at the farmhouse, Stan."

"Yes," answered Stanley Clark, the steward.

The boys bought their milk and eggs and vegetables at the only farmhouse in sight, of Farmer and Mrs. Brown, two good old souls who already would do anything for the boys but let them hunt in their woods.

"That makes me think," added Stanley, "Mrs. Brown asked me to-day if we boys would not like to give an entertainment or lawn 'fete,' as she called it, to raise money to paint their church at Magnolia Hill."

"They haven't any nerve, have they?" "What do we know about lawn fetes? The girls always get them up. We go and enjoy ourselves."

"I'll tell you, boys," began Joe Taylor, when the hubbub had subsided, "they've been awful good to us, I'll admit. Don't know what we'd done if they hadn't lent us a frying-pan and a pail and what-not. But we are on a vacation for all the fun that's in it," as Frank says, getting up an entertainment is too much like work."

"That's what I say," assented most of the boys.

"But see here," said Stanley, "the idea stuck me as rather ridiculous at first, but as I was coming back from there I thought maybe it wasn't so far

out of the question after all. Anyway, we ought not to be so busy having a good time that we can't do a good turn to someone else. And you know what we promised Miss Norton, boys."

On the Sunday before the boys had promised their Sunday-school teacher that they would try to do some helpful act during the first week of their vacation.

"That's so," said one of the boys thoughtfully. "Well, what could we do to amuse the assembled natives?"

"Why, you could play the mandolin, for one thing," replied Stanley. "We'll revive the moonlight quartet, and Joe can please any crowd with his take-offs and impersonations. You know I told fortunes at a first-class party once, and I'll do that."

One by one the boys agreed to enter into it. It might be fun, too.

Mrs. Brown's face lit up with genuine pleasure when Stanley told her the boys would do what they could.

That afternoon while the campers went fishing, Mrs. Brown hitched up old Dolly and drove from house to house telling the neighbors that "them lads from the city is getting up a fine entertainment for the next night, and the proceeds is going for to paint the church. They can sing just beautiful. We hear 'em evenings, and they is such polite and obliging lads, too."

The next day she was busy getting ready her thick maple syrup, which they would sell hot, and making popcorn balls.

Meantime the moonlight quartet had run over a few of its well worn harmonies, and had found itself in good voice. Frank was heard to tune up his mandolin and then say "guessed he didn't need to practice." Roy Ellis even consented to go through some of his acrobatic gymnastics which had won the admiration of the boys at school. They hung Chinese lanterns in the tent and in the trees, which they had brought from home.

The moon having risen the people began to arrive: some on foot, some in wagons and others in rowboats. They looked a little curious at the boys at first, wondering what they were going to do. But after Frank had played his mandolin and Joe had recited one of his comical pieces, the boys were sure their listeners were pleased, for they were generous with their encores.

"Here are your nice fresh popcorn balls, five cents apiece, two for ten," was heard in the familiar voice of George Wood, who had earned the name of "Stiff" at school on account of his usual dignity of manner.

"This way to have your fortune told, all for five cents. If they don't come true you'll have your money back."

"Hot syrup, hot, thick maple syrup, just on the turn of sugaring, every third dish free," came a voice from the tent.

"I believe it's a 'go,'" said one boy to another, as the quartet came together to favor their audience with another selection. "And it's great fun for us, too."

When, with Mr. Brown, the boys counted up the money afterward, they could hardly believe they had cleared over nine dollars.

"I hope we can camp again next year," exclaimed Frank to some of the boys who had gathered in Joe's room one winter evening.

"So say we all of us. I often think of those jolly days when I am pegging away at this Latin," said Joe, as he threw the book on the bed. "But, do you know, I like to think of the lawn 'fete' best of all."—Ohio Farmer.

### ASTONISHED THE TEACHER

There is a lady occupied in the instruction of the juvenile mind who is quite willing to confess that the pupils who attend her classes do not do all the learning. Some of the small folks under her tuition occasionally astonish her with their superior knowledge of the modernly developed resources of the English language. A lecture on hygiene had been included in the programme for the day, and she had taken care to show the effects of alcohol and tobacco upon the system. She impressed her teachings by means of anatomical charts, which gave especial lucidity to her remarks when she came to warning the little girls, years in advance of any practical need the dangers of tight lacing. One of the little girls, whose home surroundings are of the sort in which ease rather than elegance of expression is sought, listened with profound attention.

"Now, Margaret," the teacher said, "you may see how well you remember what I have said about tight lacing and tell us why it is injurious."

There was no response.

"I mean you, Maggie," the teacher added, and the girl jumped to her feet as she recognized the more familiar name.

"Tight lacing, ma'am, is injurious, ma'am—"

She hesitated and the teacher smiled encouragingly and said, "Go on."

"Cos, ma'am, it's liable to twist yer slats."

The Same Old Story.



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First and best is mamma's strain,  
As she sings and sings again,  
Sweetest words for babies ears,  
Words that quiet all his fears;  
"Hush, my darling, lullaby."

Next the wind takes up the song,  
As it briskly flies along  
By the casement in the night,  
Murmuring as in affright:  
"Hush, my darling, lullaby."

Then the raindrops coming down  
On the quiet, sleeping town,  
Dash against the window pane,  
And repeat the low refrain:  
"Hush, my darling, lullaby."

And the waves upon the shore  
Sing the baby's song once more,  
Wind and rain and wave and weather;  
Sing the baby's song together.

### BOOMERANGS.

How to Make Them and How to Throw Them.

Boomerangs are of two kinds—returning and non-returning. The first is called invariably the Australian boomerang because it originated among the natives of Australia, and is used almost exclusively by them at the present day.

Travellers assert that a native will leave his home in the morning armed only with a couple of returning boomerangs, and will come back at night carrying a large number of birds killed with these strange weapons.

The boomerang that comes not back differs little from the ordinary club. It is, however, preferred to-day to the other by the native Australian.

If you care to try your hand at boomerang throwing, it will be well to make them, as they are expensive weapons to try and may be broken before proficiency is acquired.

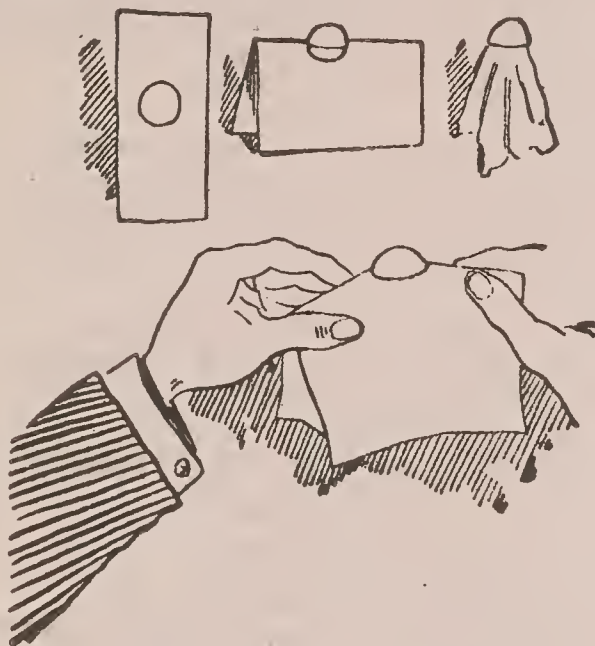
The boomerang is formed of a bent stick, one side rounded, the other flat. It is necessary to choose a very hard strong and heavy wood, and the best plan is to cut a piece from a natural bend or root of a tree, and to let the curve of the boomerang follow the grain of the wood.

They differ in length from 15 inches to 3½ feet, and in breadth from 2 inches to 3 inches. They should be about three-eighths of an inch thick, tapering toward the ends, which may be either round or pointed, while the edge must be sharpened all round. One side must be convex, the other flat, the sharpness of the edge along the convexity of the curve varying in different boomerangs. When thrown, the boomerang travels forward for some distance, and then generally returns in an ellipse to within a few paces of the thrower. If the boomerang strikes its mark it falls to the ground.

In throwing, it must be grasped at one end, stretched back behind the shoulder and then brought rapidly forward above the head, the inside facing the direction in which it is thrown. It may be hurled upward in the air, or downward so as to strike the ground some distance from the thrower. In the first case, it flies with a rotary motion, its shape would indicate, and after ascending a great height, it suddenly returns in an elliptical line to a spot near its starting point.

### An Apparent Impossibility.

Give one of the children a piece of paper, in the center of which is a round hole about the size of a penny. Also give him half a dollar and request him to pass it through the hole in the paper. He will give you a look of surprise and claim that it can't be done; you, however, insist that it can, and furthermore you set about to prove it to him.



### PASSING COIN THROUGH THE HOLE.

No. 1 is the piece of paper, now folded as seen at No. 2, with the coin between its folds. Crease at each side as seen in No. 3. Take hold of the paper with one hand each side of coin No. 4 and gradually push the coin out. What has been accomplished in folding and creasing the paper was to elongate the round hole so that it would become a long slot, instead of a round opening.

### A Good Natured Emperor.

The Emperor of Austria was paying a surprise visit to the cadet college in the Neustadt of Vienna when he entered a classroom and there sat, an interested and sympathetic onlooker.

Suddenly his eye fell on his plumed helmet, which he had left reposing on a bench in front of the head boy in the class. Then he noted that the boy had plucked out a green feather and was handing it around as a gratuitous memento among his schoolfellows.

The Emperor was merciful and merely said: "My young friends, if you want to rob me of my feathers, I would sooner give them to you myself."

Thereupon, amid the enthusiastic applause of the boys, he suited his action to his words. He returned from the cadet examination with "plucked" expressed plainly in his molting crest.

### Out of the Mouths of Babes.

Two little girls were gazing at the stars one evening. "I wonder what they are?" said one. "Oh," replied the other, "I guess they are good little night lamps that have died and gone to heaven."

A visitor who was trotting 4-year-old Freddie upon his knee, remarked to the little fellow's mother: "Do you know, there is something in this young man I like?" "Say," exclaimed the precocious youngster, "who told you that I swallowed a penny?"

Ethel, aged 5, was learning to sew, and one day, after vainly trying to make the preliminary preparation with a needle and thread, she asked: "Mamma, don't they call the hole in a needle an eye?" "Yes, dear," was the reply. "Well," continued the little

miss, "I'll bet this old needle's cross-eyed."

Little 5-year-old Willie had a very bad memory and his mother had a hard time teaching him to say "if you please" when he wanted anything. The other evening at dinner he said: "Mamma, hand me the butter." "If you what, Willie?" she asked. "Why, if you can reach it," was the reply.

Little 4-year-old Harry was not feeling well and his father suggested that he might be taking the chickenpox, then prevalent. Harry went to bed laughing at the idea, but early next morning he came downstairs looking very serious, and said: "You're right, papa; it is the chickenpox; I found a feather in the bed."

### When Pussy Runs Wild.

Where cats have run wild on isolated islands they have become very wild and powerful. On Sable Island, off the coast of Nova Scotia, they were introduced about 1880, and rapidly exterminated the rabbits, which had been in possession for at least half of a century. In one of the harbors of Kerguelen Land, a barren and desolate bit of the Cape of Good Hope, cats escaped from the ships have made themselves at home on a little islet known as Cat Island, which has long been used as a wintering place for sealers. Here they live in holes in the ground, preying upon seabirds and their young, and are said to have developed such extraordinary ferocity that it is almost impossible to tame them even when captured young. On Aldabra, two hundred miles north-west of Madagascar, cats have completely exterminated an interesting species of rail peculiar to that island.



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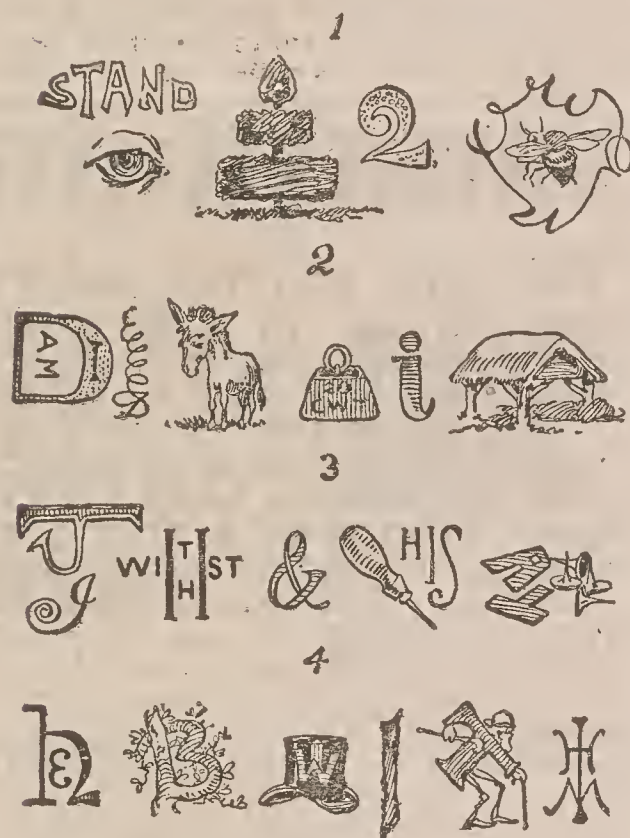
## No. 370.—A Holiday Greeting.

(A zigzag.)

1. Sky blue. 2. Farther in front. 3. The presiding officer of an assembly. 4. The fruit of the vine. 5. A long, narrow strip of cloth, leather or other material. 6. Games, dramas. 7. Part of a door. 8. To rule. 9. The largest of animals. 10. A transparent gum rosin, usually of amber color, of aromatic odor and slightly pungent taste; it exudes from the bark of a shrub of Abyssinia and Arabia. 11. Persons skilled in making poetry. 12. Transparent, bright. 13. A report.

All the words contain the same number of letters. When rightly guessed and placed one below the other in the order numbered, the zigzag, reading from the first letter, will express a friendly wish.

## No. 371.—Four Short Remarks.



## No. 372.—A Conundrum.

A young man who was going to escort his sweetheart to a holiday party made the unenvying discovery that he had no clean collar to wear; so he carried one of his soiled ones to the only laundress living in the place. He had become very angry at her the week before because she had ruined some of his linen, and he had resolved never to employ her again, but this was an urgent case, and he had no time to send his collar away and get it back before the party. Moreover, he didn't want to buy one, as his money was rather low. When he called for the collar in the afternoon, it was all ready for him, and inspection proved that it was "done up" beautifully. He offered her 2 cents in payment, but she told him it was worth 10 cents to bother with just one collar. The young man became very angry again, but paid the laundress the price she asked. Why did the woman's act in the forenoon resemble what she did in the afternoon?

## No. 373.—Enigma.

Though 1 is called a unity,  
My one is half, as you will see  
By finding out what is its station  
When used as an abbreviation.  
My 2 to 5 you'll find is what  
May be suggested of a Scot.  
A 5 to 9 is—I'm so glad—  
What this free country ne'er has had,  
Or you may call it, if you please,  
An instrument of the Chinese,  
With sixteen stones, that makes a clamor  
By thumping on it with a hammer.  
What sharp, quick noise does TOTAL show?  
I'm sure that solvers ought to know.  
That 1 to 8 they may have heard  
Is supposition not absurd.

## No. 374.—Puzzle of the Stars.

Friends, one and all, I pray you show  
How you NINE stars would so bestow,  
TEN rows to form, in each row, THREE?  
Tell me, ye wits, how this can be?

## No. 375.—County Questions.

1. Which county in Ohio is composed of a genus of forest trees?
2. Which is full of music?
3. Which never knows the light of day or any luminous body?
4. Which is a grassy plain?
5. Which is full of blows?
6. Which is of a crimson color?
7. In which does the traveler get bewildered?
8. Which is most lofty?
9. Which is the most harmonious?
10. Which is in a state of warfare?

## An Astonished Farmer.

A and B took each 30 chickens to market. A sold his at three for \$1, B at two for \$1, and together they received \$25. A afterward took 60 alone, which he sold as before, at five for \$2, and received but \$24. What became of the other dollar?

This is rather a catch, as it is only true in part that the first lot were sold at five for \$2. They begin selling at that rate, but when ten sales have been made by each A's chickens are all sold, and they have together \$20. B has ten chickens left, which he continues to sell at two for \$1, and realizes \$5. Had he sold them at five for \$2, he would have received \$4 only for these.

## Key to the Puzzler.

No. 360.—Holiday Acrostic: G-rouse. O-sprey. O-riole. S-hrike. E-aglet.

No. 361.—Christmas Pi:

On Christin's let all anger end.  
Be peace between us, oh, my friend!  
Hark! Hear the heavenly chorus still—  
Be peace on earth, to all good will.

No. 362.—Numerical Enigma: Walter Scott.

No. 363.—Central Deletions: Gobelin, goblin. Table, tale.

No. 364.—A Christmas Puzzle: St. George. Nest. Archery. Pineapple. Dragon. Snapdragon.

No. 365.—Treasure Trove: Stewart (Alexander T.). Tare, tars, stew, art, wart, tart, war, tea, start, star, strew, stare, are, tar, arts.

No. 366.—A Diamond:

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N A P  
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P A N O R A M I C A L  
P E R I M E T E R  
R E C I T E R  
R A C E R  
L A R  
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No. 367.—How Long Is It: One hundred and seven yards.

No. 368.—A Reversal: Snub—buns.

No. 369.—Riddles: 1. Smiles, because there is a mile between the first and last letters. 2. Fox. 3. Done. 4. Weight. 5. Canine.

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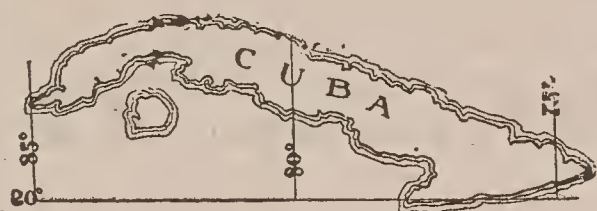
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As we go to press the newspapers are full of reports of the gigantic theft of hundreds of thousands of dollars from this government by parties connected with the post-office department in Cuba. C. F. W. Neely, treasurer of the Cuban postal service, has been suspected as the chief guilty one, and detectives are now looking into his private affairs. It is believed that Neely possesses stamps which he has no right to, amounting to many thousand dollars. When the surcharged issue for Cuba was superseded by a permanent set of stamps, the government ordered the stock of surcharge remainders burned, but it is presumed by many that Neely did not destroy the stamps but set about selling them to Cuban postmasters on his own account. One detective who has been working in Muncie, Ind., where a suspicious-looking package had been sent from Cuba, addressed to Neely, states, however, that the real steal has been the sale of counterfeit stamps, which, it is alleged, have been printed in the office of a printing company there of which Neely was one of the owners. A few more weeks of investigation will probably clear away any doubt as to the real nature of the embezzlement, and we would advise collectors to follow closely the newspaper reports relating to the matter.

Judging from the large wholesale catalogue of Philippine stamps which has recently been received from Federico C. Schenkel, we should think that quite an extensive business is being carried on in the sale of Philippine stamps at Manila. We are informed that on the 28th of December the bulk of Philippine remainders was sold at auction to the highest bidder for cash, and that the firm of Ed. A. Keller & Co. of Manila became the purchasers for the alleged sum of \$50,300. These stamps were then placed in the hands of an agent for disposal, and are now being sold in entire collections and in wholesale lots only. Fifteen dollars is asked for 120 varieties, worth more than double this sum by Scott's catalogue. Specially-low prices are charged for lots of 1000 or more of a kind. The catalogue contains a copy of a certificate signed by C. H. Sleeper, 1st Lieut. U. S. V., the collector of internal revenue at Manila, verifying that 30 million stamps and 100,000 post cards, which he claims to be the entire lot of remainders, were sold to the above-named firm, and that the same are the genuine stamps originally issued by the Spanish government. These were not the only remainders, however, as two prominent American dealers on the Pacific coast have since purchased another lot of some 400,000 Philippine stamps.

The latest issue of Guam stamps consists of the regular U. S. issue surcharged in red,

with a rubber stamp "Agana Isle of Guam." This inscription is in one line extending across two stamps, so that it will be necessary to collect the stamps in pairs in order to get the whole thing.

Now that the U. S. have acquired the island of Samoa we may expect another surcharged issue for the above place.

A 1c green envelope stamp printed on blue paper is a variety from Cuba which heretofore has not been listed.

## PRIVATE PROPRIETARIES.

Only 12 firms have thus far issued private proprietary stamps under the 1898 revenue act, and the number of varieties issued by them collectively only amounts to 20. To mention them in detail, one each has been issued by the Antikannia Chemical Co., Branca Bros., Chas. Fletcher, Hostetter Co., Johnson and Johnson, Od. Chemical Co., Piso Co., Radway & Co., Warner Safe Cure Co., and Dr. Williams' Med. Co. (Pink Pills.) Furthermore, Lanman and Kemp have issued 3 varieties and Chas. Marchand 7. The 7 1-2c Chas. Marchand stamp is probably the most expensive one to buy, being priced by one dealer at 75c. The Emerson Drug Co. are soon to get out private stamps which will add one or more varieties to the above list.

The new set of Brazilian stamps of four values—100, 200, 500 and 700 reis—issued to commemorate the 4th centenary of the discovery of Brazil, are very attractive labels though not highly artistic. They are now obsolete, having been put in use but two months, but the re-



mainders are being sold to collectors and dealers. Only 400,000 were printed. After the 7th of Sept. all unsold copies will be destroyed. To prevent the reprinting of any specimens the plates were destroyed as soon as the above supply was struck off.

Just as an apparently rare set of U. S. stamps was being put up at auction the dealer having them for sale discovered that they were nothing more than cardboard proofs which had been split and perforated in exact imitation of the real stamps. No doubt these proofs, if sold, would have brought a good figure and some unwary collector would have got badly taken in.

Combination locks are to be placed on post-office lock boxes, thus doing away with keys which are always a bother to those holding lock boxes. The box will be opened by a secret combination known only to the one leasing the box, in the same manner that a safe door is opened.

The magnificent collection of F. L. Stolz has been sold to Makins & Co. for about \$5,000. Among the gems is a 31 Tuscany, a specimen of which sold at auction recently for \$475.

In order to get the patronage of the boy collector one dealer has begun to offer stamp buttons free with each order.

It has been estimated that there are 223,500 post offices in the world and that 6,000 of them have been named after some saint.

## PARIS EXPOSITION NOTES.

Mr. George Beaver, the chief of the salary and allowance division of the post office, has returned from a two-month's trip abroad having been sent there by this government to install an American working post office upon the grounds of the Paris Exposition. He reports the office to be complete, also the postal exhibit in connection with the same.

We learn from a clipping taken from a Washington paper that assistant postmaster general Madden has had prepared and compiled a full collection of postal stamps, beginning with the issue of the 5c Franklin stamp and the 10c Washington stamp of the issue of 1847, and ending with the latest issue of the orange colored Cuban special delivery stamp of 1900. The collection includes specimens of all the stamps that were ever issued by the United States post office department. They are artistically arranged on nine large pasteboard cartons and will be sent to the Paris Exposition to be added to the exhibit of the postoffice department. The entire collection consists of about 600 specimens and the New York stamp expert who mounted the stamps says that the collection is worth at least \$3,000.

## NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE.

The demand for the cheaper grade of stamps this spring has been greater than usual and dealers have had all they could do to keep in stock a full line of the most popular stamps. Wholesale lots of low-priced stamps which have recently been auctioned in N. Y., Philadelphia and Chicago, brought higher prices than have been realized for some years. This demand for the more common stamps indicates that the beginner is joining our ranks in large numbers.

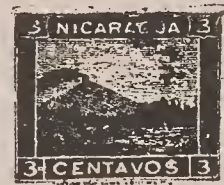
A bill has been introduced into the House authorizing the commissioner of internal revenue to refund cash for proprietary or documentary stamps returned to him if presented in quantities of two dollars or more, face value.

Since we mentioned the fact of a German stamp journal appearing in several colors to illustrate new issues etc. in their true tints, we have been reminded of a publication started in St. Louis in 1891, having frontispiece illustrations of stamps in their real colors. The paper only survived a few months and copies are very rare to-day. It is probably the only paper of its kind ever attempted on this continent.

The Danish West Indies are for sale, and it is expected that either Germany or the U. S. will purchase them. D. W. I. stamps have never been plenty and those who have them to sell or exchange had better wait awhile as prices are sure to rise immediately after the islands change hands. At any rate, if the islands are not sold soon a new issue of stamps is in contemplation.

Proprietary remedy manufacturers have organized to petition Congress to repeal the stamp tax. They claim that there is no possible excuse for continuing this tax when the net cash balance of this government as shown by the official statement of the U. S. Treasury is now nearly 302 million dollars and the monthly income nearly 7 million dollars more than enough to pay all military and civil expenses. The proprietary tax does not exceed this surplus, hence no part of it is necessary.

We illustrate herewith two stamps which have appeared recently, the first being the 3c



value of the latest Nicaraguan set, and the second, the new 1 p Cape of Good Hope.

The new stamp booklet was suggested by postmaster Herbert of Hiawatha, Kansas.



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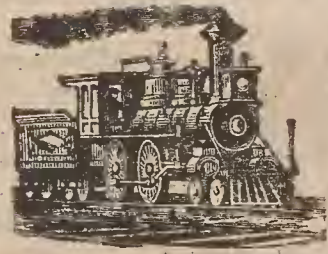
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### NEWS FROM ENGLAND.

ENGLISH dealers are making the same criticisms over the reductions in the price of stamps according to the new Stanley Gibbon's catalogue that Americans made when the last Scott catalogue appeared, and many dealers declare that the sale of new issues has been rendered so unprofitable in consequence of these changes that it no longer pays them to carry these stamps in stock.

The color of the half penny British stamp has been changed to a new shade of green to meet the requirements of the Postal Union, and a few of the Irish people think that the queen has ordered the change as a special compliment to Ireland since the new shade closely resembles the Irish national color.

A shilling stamp printed in two colors is expected about next July.

The stamp season has been exceptionally dull in London this year, owing no doubt to the war in Africa.

We hope to be able to continue in our next issue the revenue list begun last month.

THE lack of trustworthy information regarding the Great Barrier pigeon post stamps is in itself another "great barrier" to the philatelist at the present time.

With the increase of new issues the only album which has a place for every stamp is the blank album. The most expensively printed album cannot contain a separate square for the insertion of every stamp issued. A philatelist in this city who has a valuable collection of over 8000 varieties uses four blank volumes in which to mount his stamps. He has spent two years in transferring his stamps from a printed album and in arranging them in these books which he has ruled and decorated with pen and ink. We do not advise collectors of a few thousand varieties to transfer their stamps into blank albums, as printed albums are undoubtedly a help to the classification of stamps when not too numerous and when issued previous to the printing of the album; but no collector of upwards of



5000 varieties should, in our opinion, confine his collection to a printed stamp book.

We illustrate here with the attractive new 2p stamp of Tasmania. The U. S. stamps in

book form have been put on sale, and they will be appreciated this summer by those wishing to carry stamps in their pocket with no fear of their sticking together. The first party to buy one in a suburban town of Boston asked for a book containing 12 stamps, paying his quarter for the same. The clerk handed him 12 books each holding 12 stamps, and the purchaser, who was an honest man, spent some moments in persuading the clerk that he had made a mistake, so ignorant was the latter of the article he was selling. It wouldn't take a clerk long to give away his salary by selling the books in that fashion, for the government would bear no part of the loss through such carelessness.

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The new provisional stamps for Crete, surcharged in red, have been recalled as the surcharging should have been done in black.

Dahomey is the name of another French colony to issue stamps, and from Kisher garh, a native state of India, stamps have appeared as well as from Northern Nigeria, an English colony in Africa.

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